



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: CATALYST FOR HYDRODESULFURIZATION AND ISOMERIZATION OF

LIGHT HYDROCARBON OIL, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR THE HYDRODESULFURIZATION AND ISOMERIZATION OF

LIGHT HYDROCARBON OIL WITH THE CATALYST

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding rejection of June 25, 2002, three times extended to December 25, 2002 by appropriate three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee submitted herewith, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please carcel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A catalyst composition for the hydrodesulfurization and isomerization of a light hydrocarbon oil, comprising a support comprising zirconium oxide or a zirconium hydroxide; from 1 to 3 wt% sulfuric acid radicals in terms of a sulfur amount based on the total weight of the catalyst composition; and (1) from 0.05 to 10 wt% palladium, (2) from